

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2089

In the Matter of :
US National Phase Entry :
Under 35 USC 371 from :
International Application of :
Lant et al. :
Int'l Application No. PCT/IB00/00397 : Group Art Unit : N/A
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For Detergent Tablet

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-9 and replace with the new claims 10-18 below.

10. A detergent tablet, characterized in that at least part of the outer surface of the detergent tablet is semi-solid.

11. A detergent tablet according to claim 10, wherein the semi-solid part of the outer surface is a convex part of the whole outer surface.

12. A detergent tablet according to claim 10, wherein the outer surface has a second part which is located substantially opposite to the semi-solid part, wherein the second part is solid.